

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROP SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on January 5, 1999
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)
Sen. J.D. Lynch (D)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Sen. Chuck Swysgood (R)
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Tom A Beck, Vice Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary
Nan LeFebvre, Legislative Services Division
Jane Hamman, Assistant Budget Director

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: **House Bill 9**-Cultural &
Aesthetic (C & A) Projects
grant requests, 1/5/99

Executive Action: none

HEARING ON HB 9 - CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC (C & A) PROJECTS GRANTS **INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW**

Ms. Nan LeFebvre, Comments on the loss of interest funds to the
Cultural and Aesthetic project grants due to the purchases of
Virginia and Nevada city, the revenue shortfall and the
appropriation of general fund money for Cultural and Aesthetic

project grants which is dubbed a one time only appropriation in the Governor's budget.

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Ms. Carlene Layne, Accountant at the Montana Arts Council, addresses questions about the breakdown of the grant money and future funding of the grants and the allocation of the grant money over the biennium.

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Chairman Ernest Bergsagel, asked for a recommendation from Representative Zook and Senator Swysgood on the general fund portion of **HB 9**. Both agreed they would not be going after the \$670,000 in general funds in their committees. It was recommended that contingency language was not needed for the appropriation of the \$670,000 from the general fund for the Cultural & Aesthetic project grants.

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Ms. Nan Lefebvre, explained the consequences of the predicted shortfall in revenues for the 1999 biennium. The Museum of the Rockies project would be the first to lose its funding recommendation followed by a 50% loss in funding for the stain glass restoration in the Capitol.

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Ms. Judy Eriksen, Chair of the Health and Trust panel which reviews the grants and ranks them. Gave a short explanation of the review process and brought up a discrepancy in the figures for the administration expenses, **EXHIBIT(jlh02a01)** was examined. Pro-rata reductions were recommended by the panel. Questions about the folk life project were asked.

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Ms. Carlene Layne, gave a breakdown of **EXHIBIT(jlh02a01)**, including the C & A budget, ranking, and non-art vs. art grants, and requests. Questions were asked about cuts to grants and funding for the speakers bureau expansion program.

EXHIBIT(jlh02a02)

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HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 809-COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS INC.,
LINCOLN

Rev. Jack Preston, Vice President of the Arts Council in Lincoln, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 45.8 - 51.7}

**HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 859-BUTTE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING
ARTS**

Mr. Shag Miller, Founder of the Butte Center for the Performing Arts (The Motherload Theater), gave a short presentation. **Sen. J.D. Lynch** spoke in support of this request. Questions were asked. **EXHIBIT(jlh02a03)**

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 52.4 - 62.6}

**HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO.804-ANACONDA-DEER LODGE COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Sen. J.D. Lynch, spoke on behalf of request no. 804.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 63 - 64}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO.841-MONTANA REPERTORY THEATER

Mr. Greg Johnson, Artistic Director for the Montana Repertory Theater, gave a short presentation. Several questions were asked.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.5 - 11.1}

**HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 816-MONTANA AGRICULTURAL CENTER AND
MUSEUM**

Mr. John Lepley, Executive Director for the Montana Agricultural Center and Museum in Fort Benton, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12 - 18}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 807-BUTTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Ms. Cheri Newman, Manager of the Butte Symphony, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3 - 23.8}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 884-C.M. RUSSELL MUSEUM

Mr. Jay Russell, Developmental Director of the C.M. Russell Museum, gave a short presentation. Several questions were asked.

EXHIBIT(jlh02a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.8 - 35.6}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 885-CASCADE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ms. Cindy Kittredge, Director of the Cascade County Historical Society, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked.

EXHIBIT(jlh02a05)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 36.8 - 47.3}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO.821-BERTHA KASSING

Rep. Joe McKenny, gave a short presentation and testified on behalf of request no. 821. **Frank Cockhill** testified on behalf of request no. 821. Questions were asked.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 47.7 - 61.6}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 863-GREAT FALLS SYMPHONY ASSN, INC.

Ms. Carolyn Valacich, Executive Director of the Great Falls Symphony, gave short presentation. Questions were asked.

EXHIBIT(jlh02a06)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.2 - 8.5}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 868-MONTANA ART GALLERY DIRECTORS ASSN.

Ms. Bonnie Laing-Malcolmson, Executive Director of Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.8 - 16.1}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 872-MONTANA CHORALE

Ms. Ann Cogswell, Founder of the Montana Chorale, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked. **EXHIBIT(jlh02a07)**

EXHIBIT(jlh02a08) EXHIBIT(jlh02a09)

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HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 836-MONTANA HISTORIC QUILT PROJECT

Ms. Kathryn Otto, member of the Quilters Art Guild of the Northern Rockies, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked. **EXHIBIT(jlh02a10)**

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.2 - 29}

**HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 842-MONTANA STATE HISTORIC RECORDS
ADVISORY BOARD**

Ms. Peggy Bourn, City Clerk Records Manager for Great Falls and a member of S.H.R.A.B., gave a short presentation. Questions were asked. **EXHIBIT(jlh02a11) EXHIBIT(jlh02a12)**. **Ms. Alberta Moore**, of the Alberta Historical Society, speaks on behalf of request no. 842.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30.5 - 46.8}

**HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 846-PARIS GIBSON SQUARE MUSEUM OF
ART**

Ms. Bonnie Laing-Malcomson, Executive Director of Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, gave a short presentation.

EXHIBIT(jlh02a13)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 47 - 53.1}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 881-ARLEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Ms. Tracey Morin, Secretary for the Arlee Historical Society, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked.

EXHIBIT(jlh02a14)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 53.6 - 58.7}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 808-CHARLO SCHOOL DISTRICT 7J

Ms. Phyllis Stivers, a teacher and the Director of True Art at Charlo School, gave a short presentation.

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HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 889-HAMILTON PLAYERS, INC.

Mr. Russell Lawrence, President of the Hamilton Players Theater Group, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.5 - 8.2}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 824-GALLATIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ms. Grace Bates, Former President of the Gallatin County Historic Society, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked. **Sen. Dorothy Eck** spoke in support of request no. 824.

EXHIBIT (j1h02a15)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.6 - 17.0}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 806-BONNIE CYPHER, S. MOREHOUSE, C. SCHAEFFER

Ms. Sharon Morehouse and Ms. Bonnie Cypher, elementary teachers in Dillon, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.2 - 24.9}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 890-PERFORMING ARTS ADVISORY BOARD: WMC--UM

Sen. Chuck Swysgood, spoke with members of the Performing Arts Advisory Board and advised them not to testify as they were not recommended for funding. Questions were asked.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.3 - 26.9}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 805-BLACKFEET TRIBE

Rep. Carol Juneau, gave a short presentation on behalf of the Blackfeet tribe. Questions were asked.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27 - 32.3}

HEARING ON C & A REQUEST NO. 888-FORT PECK FINE ARTS COUNCIL

Ms. Patt Etchart, Chair of the Restoration Board of the Fine Arts Council, gave a short presentation. Questions were asked.

EXHIBIT (j1h02a16)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 32.7 - 41.2}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 noon.

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman

CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (j1h02aad)